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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were lower on the larger sizes, unchanged on mediums. In the Northeast, prices were unchanged to lower. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone ranged barely steady to weak, mostly weak, with the larger sizes in the weakest position. Demand was light to no better than moderate, and was best where limited feature activity was planned or in progress. Breaking stock supplies were adequate from regular sources, however, demand for additional product was usually mixed as dealers assessed the market. Light type hens were fully sufficient for current trade requirements.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Boston, prices were unchanged to 5 cents lower on the heavier weight eggs and unchanged to 2 cents lower on mediums. Prices were unchanged in Philadelphia and New England. The market tone was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand ranged light to fair. Supplies were adequate for extra large, ample for large, and improved for mediums. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate from regular suppliers for the light to good demand. Spent hen availability was fully sufficient for slaughter schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was unsettled and the undertone was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand was light to generally fair. Supplies were adequate for extra large, ample for large, and improved for mediums.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and prices in Chicago were 14 cents lower for extra large and large, 5 cents lower for medium and 3 cents for small. Prices in all other areas were unchanged. Prices reflect changes from previous Tuesday's reported prices. The trade sentiment was weak for the larger sizes and steady to barely steady for the balance. Retail demand was light to at times fair. Food service movement was slow to moderate. Supplies were mixed, fully adequate to ample for jumbo, extra large, and large and adequate to instances fully adequate for the lighter weights. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were mostly unchanged from Tuesday's reported prices. Offerings were adequate for the irregular demand. Most breakers were satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Finished product demand was improved over the course of the week. The trade sentiment was steady.

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large dropped 5 cents, mediums unchanged. Trade sentiment weak. Demand into all outlets light to moderate, best for features. Features noted on large 48 cents per dozen, limit 2, also on large, buy one at regular price and second dozen is free. Supplies adequate and building.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak. Retail demand continued light to moderate entering the weekend, with occasional improvement centering around the limited feature activity. Supplies of the larger sizes were fully adequate, and the balance of sizes were generally sufficient. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower than the current week. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was generally limited as most traders cautiously assessed market developments. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for current needs.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 14 cents lower on all sizes in California; 16 cents lower on the large sizes, 10 cents lower on medium in the Northwest. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good, best where features were in progress or planned. Offerings in good balance within the region, ample from the Midwest.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	103-119	92-108	59-65
New York	67-69	64-67	53-56
Philadelphia	65-81	63-79	52-58

SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	71-72	69.5-71	53-54
Jackson (1)	81-82	78-79	62-63
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	80-93	77-91	57-71

MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	56-61	55-60	45-50
Detroit (2)	67-70	66-69	46-49
Major Ohio Cities (2)	68-73	67-71	47-52
Major Wisconsin Cities	71-78	69-76	50-57

WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	88-89	83-85	64-65
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	94-106	93-100	82-88
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	110	103	92

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices
(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 14 cents lower on all sizes. Retailer demand fairly good. Local offerings in good balance, midwest offers heavy. Small invoice price 72. Ads in Southern California: major-large dozen 99; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 119, extra large dozen 109, large dozen 89-99, medium dozen 99, 20 pack 2 for \$3.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	123
EXTRA LARGE	110
LARGE	103
MEDIUM	92

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	110-120
EXTRA LARGE	94-106
LARGE	93-100
MEDIUM	82-88

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-279
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	187-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run prices mostly unchanged, checks and undergrades increased 1 cent. Offers adequate for the irregular demand. Most breakers regular commitments and company owned production meet current needs. Finished product demand improved during the week. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED,
30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT,
DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	22-28	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-14	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged to higher. Demand ranged light to good depending upon the area, although most traders were watching further market developments. Offerings were usually adequate from regular suppliers. Trade sentiment was unsettled. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending January 01, 2000 were 18 % more than last week, and 16 % more than the same week a year ago. Plants were running normal schedules.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED,
30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT,
DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	24-31	26-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-14	

EASTERN REGION AREA:

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 01-Jan-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)	(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)				
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
C W	1,034,477	23,017	10,421	5,618	2,587	3,507
PW	943,423*	21,082*	9,319*	5,268*	2,205*	3,226*
LY	891,010	20,773	8,797	4,781	2,433	2,940
% PW	10	9	12	7	17	9
% LY	16	11	18	18	6	19
1999	57,386,855*	1,292,590*	550,467*	302,280*	131,505*	183,095*
1998	53,980,315	1,238,421	534,927	281,873	125,666	173,198

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
	41.14	41.23	41.85

*Revisions for previous week and year to date.

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS Pasteurized whites reported at 29 cents fob. Trade sentiment steady on whole egg and whites, barely steady on yolk. During the week demand improved on whites while others noted interest as only fair.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 07 January, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	22	19-26	22.61	.53
WHITES	15	25-26	25.37	-.04
YOLKS	4	36.5-41	39.13	0

EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS Prices were generally unchanged to lower. Demand was irregular. Offerings were adequate to ample with yolks in the longest position and whites in the best position. Undertone unsettled. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending January 01, 2000 were 15% more than last week, and 7% more than a year ago. Shell egg supplies were sufficient for trade needs.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	37-42	38-40	45-52
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		53-62
WHITES	35-39	36-39	42-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	49-54	49-51	55-64
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	43-51	46-48	54-62

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS Whole egg mostly price unchanged, whites ranged 1 cent lower, salt and sugar yolk prices unchanged to down 1 cent. Trade sentiment mostly steady on whole egg and whites, barely steady on yolk products. Trading and demand fair and improved during the period. Nest run breaking stock prices generally unchanged with supplies adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

TRUCKLOTS

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	37-41	38-40
WHITES	36-39	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	49-53	50-51
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	45-50	48-49

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS Prices 1 cent lower on whole, whites, and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 1/1 was 10% more than the previous week. Breaking stock adequate. Frozen demand fair and freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT
(CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	43-46
WHITES	41-44
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-58
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-55

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Mostly prices were generally lower than a week earlier. Demand and trading was light to fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. The undertone was about steady.

Dried egg processed under federal inspection for the week ending January 01, 2000 were 17% more than the previous week, and 6% more than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.45-1.65	MOSTLY 1.47-1.50
YOLKS	1.20-1.40	MOSTLY 1.25-1.30
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.80-3.15	MOSTLY 2.90-3.00
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.15-1.25	MOSTLY 1.15-1.20

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 31 - JAN 6, 1999

CURRENT LOADS								97.75	FUTURE LOADS								56.00	TOTAL LOADS								153.75
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			ORG	DST			LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST			ORG	DST			ORG	DST			LOADS
GNR W 1	48.67	43.00		44.00	47.20			40.00	—	—		30.00	GNR W 1	—	44.57			—	—			—	—			9.00
GNR W 2	—	39.50		—	—			—	—	—		4.00	GNR W 2	—	41.00			—	—			—	—			2.00
GNR W 3	—	—		—	—			—	—	—		3.00	GNR W 3	—	35.67			—	—			—	—			3.00
GNR W 4	—	—		—	—			22.00	24.00	—		3.00	GNR BR 1	—	—			—	—			—	—			.50
GNR BR 1	—	—		63.00	67.00			—	—	—		4.00	GL W J	52.00	—			—	—			—	61.50			1.00
GNR BR 2	—	—		63.00	62.00			—	—	—		3.00	GL W XL	42.00	46.00			—	—			—	53.73			6.50
GL W J	—	—		56.00	58.00			—	—	—		1.00	GL W LG	41.00	44.00			—	—			—	56.08			9.50
GL W XL	—	48.00		45.50	50.44			46.89	—	—		12.75	GL W MD	35.80	44.00			—	—			40.00	40.00			7.50
GL W LG	—	46.46		43.00	49.00			46.75	56.00	—		18.50	GL W SM	19.00	—			—	—			—	25.00			2.00
GL W MD	—	—		34.80	36.40			34.08	—	—		20.50	GL BR XL	—	—			—	—			—	—			1.00
GL W SM	—	—		22.25	24.75			—	—	—		2.00	GL BR LG	—	—			—	—			—	—			1.00
GL BR XL	—	—		—	—			—	—	—		1.00	NRBS - 39	18.00	20.00			—	—			—	—			1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—		—	—			—	28.00	—		7.00														
NRBS - 48	—	30.80		29.00	31.25			27.83	29.38	—		16.00														
NRBS - 42	—	—		—	—			—	21.00	—		2.00														
NRBS - 39	—	—		19.00	20.00			18.00	20.00	—		3.25														

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was slow for the adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were usually at normal operating schedules. The undertone was no better than steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was light with no new negotiations reported. Demand was light for spent leghorn fowl. Schedules were normal. Trade Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was weak.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offers fully adequate for the fair demand. Schedules are fulltime for the next several weeks. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants generally worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Prices paid for live hens (trucklot) cents/pounds at farm.

<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-5	(2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Jan-99
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	74.42	71.94	56.38
SOUTHERN	78.57	76.67	58.59
MIDWEST	69.11	67.87	49.85
WESTERN	102.09	97.25	84.95
TWELVE METRO AREAS	83.66	80.66	65.51

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were irregular on light canners and generally unchanged to slightly higher on heavies. Demand was light to moderate best on heavy canners. Offerings were adequate on lights, and adequate to about adequate on heavies. The undertone ranged from about steady on lights to fully steady on heavy canners.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-26.25 MAJORITY	31-36 MAJORITY 34.5-35.5
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-28.5 MAJORITY	32-37 MAJORITY 36-36.75

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 25-DEC-99
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
HEAD	1,694	1,052	2,746
LAST WEEK	2,594	1,652 (R)	4,246
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,428	926	2,354
TO-DATE/1999	105,174	71,875	177,049
TO-DATE/1998	102,796	63,998	166,794

REVISED

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	348	0	348
LAST WEEK	19	0	19
SAME WEEK YR AGO	273	0	273
TO-DATE/1999	22,683	264	22,947
TO-DATE/1998	24,626	352	24,978

SOURCE: AGRI. CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,042	1,052	3,094
LAST WEEK	2,613	1,652	4,265
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,701	926	2,627
TO-DATE/1999	127,857	72,139	199,996
TO-DATE/1998	127,422	64,350	191,772

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade
U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

NOT AVAILABLE

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED,
 USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS
 LOOSE.

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
75-78	66-72	64-69	44-49	28-32

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS,
 LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
36-38	27-29	15-17

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES
 EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
112-115	84-87	73-76	40-43	11-14

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 3-Jan-00	4,288	65,047	75,162
AM 1-Dec-99	3,309	82,430	74,738
CHG	979	-17383	424
PCT CHG	30	-21	1

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold
 Storage holdings report of November 31, 1999 and the selected
 centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on
 January 1, 1999 are:

FROZEN EGGS	TURKS	POP	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	PCT
11	197	798	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.01 PCT
			MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	4.98 PCT
			MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	4.97 PCT

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 01-Jan-00

SELECTED

CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	26.8	33.3	-20	-22
BOSTON	3.5	4.2	-17	-61
CHICAGO	62.8	58.6	7	26
DETROIT	39.1	38.2	2	24
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	99.3	96.8	3	13
NEW ORLEANS	12.4	13.2	-6	-1
NEW YORK	36.2	43.5	-17	0
ST. LOUIS	15.8	15.9	-1	10
SAN FRANCISCO	23.0	25.9	-11	-5
TOTAL	319.0	329.7	-3	6
4 WK MVG AVG	310.1			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 01-Jan-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	245.4	-6	4
E.N. CENTRAL	491.3	3	14
W.N. CENTRAL	250.9	-1	11
S. ATLANTIC	213.3	-3	5
S. CENTRAL	79.1	0	0
*WEST	202.3	-1	-9
TOTAL	1482.3	-1	6
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING	93		93

*Correction for 30-Dec-99, Western Region should be 205.0

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, JANUARY 04, 2000.

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
 DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	131	120	77	47
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	123-127	112-116	70-74	40-44
MOSTLY	125-126	114-115	72-73	42-43
RHODE ISLAND	127-131	116-120	73-77	47
MOSTLY	127	116	73	-
VERMONT	134-150	120-123	79-80	-
MOSTLY	150	123	80	-

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